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Ron Scheberle was named Executive Director on January 5, 2010. Scheberle is Chairman Emeritus of ALEC's Private Enterprise Advisory Council. He has been an active private sector member of ALEC for over 25 years, serving as Private Enterprise Board National Chairman from 1988 to 1994 and as a member of ALEC's Private Enterprise Board of Directors continuously since.

John Murphy directs policy advocacy relating to international trade and investment on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and serves as principal vice president within the Chamber's International Division. With 70 professionals on staff, the International Division is Washington's most influential team of trade policy experts and advocates.

Since joining the Chamber in 1999, Murphy has directed its successful campaigns to win congressional passage of trade agreements with a dozen nations, including, most recently, Colombia, Panama, and South Korea. Murphy also plays a key role in the Chamber's work on such international business priorities as regulatory cooperation, international investment, trade facilitation, and the work of the World Trade Organization.



From 2001 to 2008, Murphy served as the Chamber's Vice President for Western Hemisphere Affairs and as Executive Vice President of the Association of American Chambers of Commerce in Latin America (AACCLA). In 2008, he received AACCLA's Eagle of the Americas award, which is given annually to the individual in either the public or private sector who has "done the most to advance our mission of increased trade and investment between the United States and Latin America."

In the 1990s, Murphy oversaw Latin America-related programs at the International Republican Institute (IRI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of democracy overseas, and at the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), which champions market-oriented economic reform around the world. During 1992 and 1993, he was the first Western lecturer in economics at the National University of Economics in Czechoslovakia.

Murphy serves on the board of directors of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, a collection of more than 300 organizations that advocates for a strong U.S. international affairs budget. He is a frequent commentator in the media and often speaks at major conferences in the United States and abroad.

Murphy graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and he received his Master of Science degree from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He is fluent in Spanish.



The Honorable Ashok Kumar Mirpuri took up his appointment as Singapore's Ambassador to the United States of America in July 2012. Prior to his current appointment, he served as Ambassador to Indonesia from 2006 to 2012, High Commissioner to Malaysia from 2002 to 2006 and High Commissioner to Australia from 2000 to 2002.

A career diplomat, Ambassador Mirpuri joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in 1984. In 1994, he was appointed Director of MFA's Policy Planning & Analysis Directorate I (Southeast Asia). In 1997, Ambassador Mirpuri was seconded to Shell International Ltd in the United Kingdom as Corporate Advisor (Asia Pacific). He was subsequently assigned to the Singapore Embassy in Jakarta in 1998 as Minister-Counselor and Deputy Chief of Mission, having previously served in Jakarta as First Secretary (Political).

Ambassador Mirpuri graduated with an honors degree from the National University of Singapore. He received his MA at the University of London's School of Oriental & African Studies under a Raffles Scholarship. He attended the Program for Executive Development at the Institute for Management Development, Switzerland, and the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School, USA.

Ambassador Mirpuri was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Gold) by the Singapore Government in 2010.

The Honorable Nguyen Quoc Cuong was appointed by President Nguyen Minh Triet as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the United States of America in early 2011. He has also been accredited to the title of Senior Ambassador – the highest rank for a Vietnamese career diplomat. He presented his Credentials to President Barack Obama in July 2011.

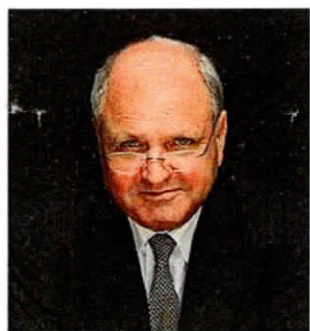
From 2008 to 2011, Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong was Deputy Foreign Minister in charge of relations of Vietnam with European countries and Public Diplomacy. He was also the chief negotiator in charge of relations between Vietnam and the Vatican. From 2007 to 2008, he was Director-General, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Prime Minister cum Minister of Foreign Affairs, and was later appointed as the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs.



From 2005 to 2007, he served as Deputy Director-General, Department of Multilateral Economic Cooperation, Head of Political and Security Section of the APEC Viet Nam Secretariat when Vietnam was host of APEC in 2006. From 1981 to 2005, Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong was an officer at the China Department and researcher at the Institute of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During this time, he also served in the Vietnam People's Army from 1983 to 1985.

During his 30-year career, Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong was posted twice to Vietnam's missions abroad, as Minister Counselor, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Vietnam in Ottawa, Canada from 2002 to 2005 and as Second Secretary at the Embassy of Vietnam in Beijing, the People's Republic of China from 1990 to 1993.

Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong graduated from the University of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam (1976 - 1981) and earned an MA in International Relations at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, USA (1996 - 1997). Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong also conducted studies on public administration at the Maxwell School of Public Administration, Syracuse University in 1998. He also participated in the Vietnam Executive Leadership Program at Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 2009.



The Honorable Mike Moore is a past Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) where he oversaw the launch of the Doha Development Round.

His period in office saw the successful accession to the WTO of China and Chinese Taipei along with Estonia, Jordan, Georgia, Albania, Oman, Croatia, Lithuania, and Moldova.

The Ambassador is a former Labor Prime Minister of New Zealand. He has held portfolios in a wide range of areas and served in a number of senior political positions including Trade Minister, Foreign Minister, Minister of Tourism, Minister for the America's Cup, and Deputy Minister of Finance.

Ambassador Moore worked as a meat and construction worker and as a printer, where he became an active Trade Unionist. He became a social worker in a hospital for the criminally insane – an experience he claims “prepared him well for a life in politics”.

Ambassador Moore held numerous appointments and board memberships with global policy and commercial organizations. These included Membership of the United Nations Commission on the Legal Empowerment of the Poor; Commissioner for the UN Global Commission on International Migration; and a number of private sector boards.

He served on the Economic Development Board of South Australia, and was an advisor to other Governments. Ambassador Moore is also a Trilateral Commission member and a member of the Privy Council.

Ambassador Moore was an Adjunct Professor at Adelaide University, Australia, and La Trobe University, Australia, is Honorary Professor at Beijing Normal University in Zhuhai, Honorary Professor at the Chinese University for Political Science and International Law in Beijing, and Honorary Professor, Shanghai Customs College.

He is the recipient of numerous honors from governments in Africa, Europe and South America. The Ambassador has been awarded New Zealand's highest honor, the Order of New Zealand.